(b) whether Government propose to chalk out programme for its betterment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) A loan of Rs. 2.00 lakhs was sanctioned to Hindustani Dawakhana in the year 1953, to develop the institution to increase its production and sale of medicines.

The management of Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College, Delni of which Hindustani Dawakhana is a part rests with the Tibbia College Board and autonomous body under the provision of the Tibbia College Act 1952. The Delhi Administration, which is associated with the Board is considering measures to develop the Dawakhana.

Doubling of Ernakulam-Palghat Broad gauge line

1634. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money allotted for doubling of the broad gauge line between Ernakulam and Palghat;

(b) the amount spent out of it so far;

(c) how much of the line has since been doubled; and

(d) by when the whole work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Against a total anticipated cost of Rs. 38.27 crores, for various Doubling projects, between Ernakulam and Palghat, a sum of Rs. 30.13 crores has been spent up to March 1984 and Rs. 5.99 crores allotted for 1984-85. The expenditure up to 30-6-1984 is about Rs. 33.19 crores.

(c) 104.63 Kms. of the line has been opened with Orthodox Doubling, in addition to 15.43 Kms, which has also been opened for goods traffic.

(d) The work is expected to be completed in 1985-86, subject to availability of resources.

Completion of Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli broad gauge link

1635. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated expenditure for construction of Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli broad gauge line;

(b) the amount spent and the progress made so far in the completion of the line;

(c) the extent of work which remains to be done; and

(d) by when it expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Kanyakumari-Tirunelveli B. G. line is a part of the senctioned project of construction of a B. G. line from Tirunelveli to Trivandrum via Nagercoil with a branch line from Nagercoil to Kanyakumari. As per completion estimates, the cost of the project is Rs. 38.60 crores.

(c) and (d) The entire line has already been opened for passenger traffic.

Financial aid to Hindustani Dawakhana Delhi

1636. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Hindustani Dawakhana, Delhi is facing a lot of difficulties for want of funds;

(b) whether Government propose to provide immediate financial aid to the Dawakhana; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M.. JOSHI): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The management of Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia College, Delhi of which Hindustani Dawakhana is a part rests with the Tibbia College Board, an autonomous body under the provisions of the Tibbia College Act 1952. The Delhi Administration, which is associated with the Board is considering measures to develop the Dawakhana.

Mass rapid transit system in Bangalore

1637. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study group constituted by the Karnataka Government has suggested for providing a Rail Transit System as an alternative to the road transport system to meet the inadequate public transport facility in Bangalore;

(b) whether the State Government has approached the Railway Board for taking up a survey for the provision of a mass rapid transit system along with the Suburban Surface Electrified Mail System for Bangalore metropolitan area;

(c) whether Government have taken any action thereon; and

(d) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) A Committee was constituted to process the Techno Economic Feasibility Report of Mass Transit System for Bangalore Metropolitan areas.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Studies were conducted by MTP (Rly.) Madras on behalf of Southern Railway on deposit terms and the report was submitted to Karnataka Government in September, 1983. Further action will be taken by Karnataka Government.

(d) Details of the scheme proposed are:-

(i) Provision of rail commuters services in the existing rail corridor namely Bangalore City, White Field, Bangalore City-Kangeri and Bangalore City-H.M.T.

(ii) A rapid transit system corridor from Rajaji Nagar to Jayanagar.

(iii) Circular Railway Corridor, and

(iv) A rapid transit system from Krishnarajapuram to Hudson Circle.

Daily run of Neelachal Express

1638. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament and others have consistently been demanding to make the Neelachal Express a daily service from the present tri-weekly and also to provide a half of Jhelam Express at Jalgaon, instead of at Burhampur to accommodate the tourists visiting Ajanta-Ellora Caves; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For increasing the frequency of the Neelachal Express to make it a daily train, it involves more coaches and locomotives which are not available as of present.

With regard to the halt of the Jhelum Express at Burhanpur instead of Jalgaon for accommodating the tou-